



5 Problems You Face When Teaching Verses | Show Notes

Five hurdles stand in your way when you are teaching the memory verses to children. In this video, we will tackle those five hurdles and reveal five solutions that will make Verse time both fun and meaningful.

01 Show the verse

Don't assume that the kids will follow along without visuals. You need to show them two things: a verse visual that they can all see, and a physical Bible so they know where those words are coming from.

02 Explain the verse

Don't assume that the kids automatically understand what they're hearing or reading. Each time you teach a verse, explain what it means using child-friendly words and concepts. Also begin to explain about the Bible itself in small, basic chunks (i.e., what the Bible is, books of the Bible and their "story," how to find a verse).



Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin
against thee. (Psalm 119:11)



03 Personalize the verse

Don't assume that the kids will know how to apply what they learned to their everyday lives. Paint a compelling picture of what "giving thanks" or "forgiving one another" looks like in their day to day lives. Children learn through real life examples, so you could also share a testimony of how that verse impacted you.

04 Act out the verse

Don't assume that the kids just want to sit and listen to you talk. After engaging their minds and hearts, engage their hands and feet with hand motions to go with the verse. This makes Verse time interactive and more memorable.

05 Repeat the verse

Don't assume that the kids will remember the verse from saying it just once or twice. Use interesting verse repetition games to make repeating the verse fun and effective. To really get it into their memories, make time to review past verses every once in a while.

Ask Yourself | Reflection Questions

- How did you learn how to navigate the Bible's books, chapters, and verses?
- How has God's Word impacted your life personally?
- In what order would you do the 5 steps of leading verses? Why?
